

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A windscreen heater device comprising:
 - a mounting arrangement for mounting the heater device relative to the windscreen;
 - a port enabling viewing of a target zone of the windscreen; and[[,]]
 - a heater element positioned in the region of the port.
2. (original) A windscreen heater device according to claim 1, wherein the heater element extends peripherally of the port.
3. (currently amended) A windscreen heater device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the heater element comprises an annular heater element.
4. (currently amended) A windscreen heater device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the heater element comprises an electrical resistance heating element.
5. (currently amended) A windscreen heater device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the heater element is held in contact with the windscreen surface.
6. (currently amended) A windscreen heater device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein, when mounted relative to the screen, the port and heater element can be moved relative to the windscreen.
7. (original) A windscreen heating device according to claim 6, wherein, when mounted relative to the screen, the port and heater element can be moved pivotally over the windscreen.

8. (currently amended) A windscreen heating device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the mounting includes three or more points of mounting to the screen.

9. (currently amended) A windscreen heating device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the mounting means includes one or more sucker cups.

10. (currently amended) A windscreen heating device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, including: a first support element having mounting means for mounting to the windscreen; and, a second support element pivotally connected to the first support element and carrying the port and heater element.

11. (original) A windscreen heater device according to claim 10, wherein the second support element includes mounting means for mounting to the windscreen.

12. (currently amended) A method of heating a windscreen comprising:

providing a windscreen heater device including a mounting arrangement for mounting the heater device relative to the windscreen, a port enabling viewing of a target zone of the windscreen, and a heater element positioned in the region of the port;

~~using a windscreen heater device according to any preceding claim, wherein the device is mounted~~ manipulating the mounting arrangement to mount the windscreen heater device to an the underside (vehicle interior) surface of the windscreen; and

using the heater element to heat the windscreen in the region of the port.

13. (currently amended) A method of repairing a flaw in a vehicle windscreen, comprising:

providing a windscreen heater device including a mounting arrangement for mounting the heater device relative to the windscreen, a port enabling viewing of a target zone of the windscreen, and a heater element positioned in the region of the port;

manipulating the mounting arrangement such that the windscreen heater device ~~wherein a vehicle windscreen heater device according to any preceding claim~~ is mounted adjacent the windscreen with the flaw visible through the port; and

infilling the flaw with resin and using the heater element to apply heat to the windscreen and the flaw, heat being applied to the screen by the heater element and the flaw infilled with resin.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein the windscreen heater device is mounted to a ~~the underside (vehicle interior)~~ surface of the windscreen.

15. (currently amended) A method according to claim 13 ~~or claim 14~~, wherein the flaw is repaired with resin whilst heat is simultaneously applied by the heating element of the device.

16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 14 ~~any of claims 13 to 15~~, wherein the ~~windscreen heater device is mounted to the underside (vehicle interior) surface of the windscreen~~ and further comprising mounting a repair apparatus ~~is mounted~~ to the outside surface of the windscreen in the region of the flaw, and operating the outside mounted repair apparatus being

operated to repair the flaw with resin whilst heat is simultaneously applied by the heating element of the device.

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